SUBJECT No. 315.

Early execution of repairs to the Honganur-Belakere tank.

Mr. K. Venkatasamiah, Mysore District Board.

Mr. K. Venkatasamiah.—An estimate for the repairs has been sanctioned and the raiyats have deposited their contribution. It is requested that the Government may be pleased to pay their portion of the contribution and undertake the repairs at an early date.

Dewan.—This will be taken up.

SUBJECT No. 316.

Execution of repairs to the Halepura tank in Nanjangud Taluk.

Mr. V. Bandiah, Nanjangud Taluk.

Mr. V. Bandiah.—The execution of repairs to the Halepura tank in Nanjangud Taluk has been put off from year to year, thus causing the raiyats much hardship. It is nearly five years since this tank breached.

Dewan.—The Chief Engineer will make a note of this for consideration at the time of the next year's budget.

SUBJECT No. 317.

Deputation of an officer to formulate measures for the extirpation of lantana in the Hunsur Taluk.

Messrs. H. V. Hanumantha Setty, Hunsur Taluk and Salar Khan, Hunsur Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—Many villages to the west of the Hunsur Taluk have become, or are becoming depopulated by the spread of lantana and the proximity of state forests. A scheme has been formed in Coorg for the extirpation of lantana. An officer from this State may be deputed to study the scheme with a view to extirpate the pest in these parts also.

Second Member of Council.—This was one of the items included in the malnad improvement scheme. Much money was spent towards the eradication of the lantana in the previous years. A report was also received on the clearance of the lantana in that locality but when I visited it, I found it in the very same condition as before.

Dewan.—A report will be called for from the Conservator of Forests in the matter and the experiment will be tried if suitable.

SUBJECT No. 318.

Prohibition of the formation of state forests within a distance of 5 miles of inhabited villages in the Hunsur taluk.

Messrs H. V. Hanumantha Setty, Hunsur Taluk and Salar Khan, Hunsur Municipality.

Mr. Salar Khan.—The close proximity of state forests to inhabited villages in the taluk has helped rapid growth of lantana, and great inconvenience is being felt by the people on that account; in some cases people have been forced to abandon the villages.

First Member of Council.—If specific instances of such inconveniences are brought to the notice of Government, necessary relief will, at once, be granted.

Dewan.—The subject will be noted and investigated by the Forest Department.

SUBJECT No. 319.

One-half of the cost of water-supply scheme to the Hunsur Town to be met by Government and a loan of Rs. 20,000 granted to the Municipality for the same purpose.

Messrs. H V. Hanumantha Setty, Hunsur Taluk, and Salar Khan, Hunsur Municipality.

Mr. Salar Khan.—Only a part of the Hunsur Town is now getting a good supply of water. Consequently three-fourths of the population have been suffering for want of good drinking water. Government have formulated a scheme for the supply of water to Hunsur Town at an estimated cost of Rs. 80,000. The Municipality has got only a sum of Rs. 20,000 at its credit. As the want of water-supply is very keenly felt by the people, Government may be pleased to meet one-half of the cost of the scheme and to advance a loan of Rs. 20,000 to the Municipality to make up the balance and thus afford facilities to carry out the work.

Dewan.—Will be considered if the Municipality can pay one half of the cost of the scheme.